Joint Task Force on Rap Sheet Standardization

Compact Council
November 2004

Objectives of the JTF

- Develop a standardized criminal history transmission format
- Develop a standardized presentation format
- Develop a concept of operations which combines criminal histories from multiple sources into a single criminal history

Current Participants (version 2.2x)

- Maine
 - Intrastate September 2002
- Wisconsin
 - Intrastate August 2003
 - NLETS October 2003
- Kentucky
 - Included JTF specification with new criminal history system October 2003
- FBI
 - June 2004

Volume of Responses

• June 2004 585,657

• July 2004 694,595

• August 2004 729,349

Stylesheet

- XML transmission format vs Stylesheet
 - Stylesheet is presentation (and transformation)
 - One transmission format
 - NLETS provides default stylesheet
 - Customized stylesheet

Stylesheet Changes June 2004

- Typical rap sheet size
- Displayed agency name
- Did not impact informational content
- Reduction from 1029 to 612 lines (40%)
- Specific changes
 - Eliminated white space
 - Eliminated separator lines between cycle components
 - Removed text tags where there is no data (weight not provided)
 - Removed sections where no data provided

Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative

- Global operates under the auspices of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice
- Global advises the federal government, specifically through the Assistant Attorney General, OJP, and the U.S. Attorney General, on justice information sharing and integration initiatives

Global Justice XML Data Model (GJXDM)

- Built on work of standardized rap sheet and others
- Intended to be a data reference model for the exchange of information within the justice and public safety communities.
- GJXDM and its associated GJXDD are intended to be used in the development and implementation of electronic information exchanges among justice, public safety and homeland security agencies.

Standardized Rap Sheet Version 3.0

- Based on GJXDM 3.0.2
- Informational content unchanged
- Stylesheet changes implemented in current version also included in 3.0
- Available at NLETS.ORG target date November 16, 2004

Future Issues

- Merge rap sheets
- Summary section
- Index responses (multi-hit)
- No record responses

NLETS XML Implementers Conference

- Assist XML developers with implementing standardized rap sheet
- One day session on rap sheet
- January 12, 2005
- Phoenix, AZ
- Details to NLETS representatives